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Will Have To Take Clam Bait.
Sch. Alcina is at Boston fitting out for Rips fishing. Her captain says he has been unable to get cockle bait and will have to take clams on this first trip.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Volant, Georges, 9000 lbs. salt cod, 1000 lbs. halibut.

Today's Fish Market.

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Georges handliner halibut, 10 cts. per lb. for white and 7 cts. for gray.

Haddockers' fresh halibut, 14 cts. per lb.

Boston.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 21,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Flavilla, 16,000 haddock.

Sch. Mystery, 22,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 27,000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Shepherd King, 12,000 haddock, 3800 cod, 800 hake.

Sch. Flirt, 65,000 haddock, 45,000 cod.

Sch. William A. Morse, 2000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, 18,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Haddock, \$1.60 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$2; hake, \$2.50 to \$5; cusk, \$2.50.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Lawrence Murdock of this port was at Edgartown on Sunday for a baiting of alewives. This bait is selling there at \$1.25 per hundred count.

Quite a number of the vessels of the Rips fishing fleet are now fitting out for the season's fishing, among them schs. E. C. Hussey, Thalia, Olympia, Patriot, Grace Otis

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OVER \$100 SHARE.

Sch. Tacoma Stocked Over \$4000 on Her Halibut Trip.

The crew of sch. Tacoma feel pretty good today, and well they might, for yesterday they each took down a nice check for \$101.05 to show for their recent halibut trip. The vessel weighed off 60,000 pounds of halibut, one of the largest trips of the season, and stocked thereon \$4152. On his last three trips, Capt. Nickerson has stocked in the neighborhood of \$13,000 and the crew have shared around \$300 to a man, which is certainly "going some" in the halibut fishery in these times.

Sch. Theodore Roosevelt, Capt. James McHenry, stocked \$2513.93 as the result of her recent fine halibut trip, the crew sharing \$55.97.

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MORE RESTRICTIONS.

Newfoundland Legislature Votes To Amend Its Customs Act.

In the closing session of the Newfoundland legislature on motion of the minister on finance a bill to amend the customs act was put through all its stages. It forbids Canadian or American vessels to engage in the coasting trade on the same terms of local vessels, i.e., by their entering at the customs once every half-year, requiring them, on the contrary, to enter and clear at every port. The bill also provides for a new method of fixing the value of imports, in assessing the duties thereon, when entry was offered for them at the customs, in order to prevent frauds which were now practiced. After some comments by Messrs. Blandford, Cashin and Lloyd it went through unamended.

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NEW BIG CONCERN.

United States Fish and Glue Co. of This City Incorporated.

Among the new concerns which took out articles of incorporation in this state last week was the United States Fish and Glue Company of this city. The capital stock is \$150,000 and the incorporators are Harold K. Smith, James A. Colby and F. M. Stewart.

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Fresh Mackerel at Boston.

About 2500 fish from the mackerel fare of sch. Patrician arrived at Boston from New York yesterday.

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Boston.

Sch. Rose Standish, 6500 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 16,000 haddock, 24,000 cod.

Sch. Seaconnet, 16,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 cusk, 400 pollock.

Haddock, \$4 to \$5.50 per cwt.; cod, \$4 to \$6; cusk, \$5.50; pollock, \$5.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. H. M. McKown has given up command of sch. Rob Roy and will now fit sch. Elmer E. Gray for a pollock seining trip to the Maine coast.

Sch. Henry M. Stanley will fit for fitted halibut trip under command of Capt. Henry Arsenault.

Sch. Hattie A. Heckman will fit later for salt banking under command of Capt. Firth.

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AS HOWLEY SEES IT.

St. John's Lawyer Says We Have Awakened to Treaty Rights.

William R. Howley, Esq., of St. John's, N. F., who was here recently, in connection with the case of shipping men at Bay of Islands, N. F., last winter, on sch. Ralph L. Hall of this port, in talking over the modus vivendi and kindred matters, on his return to St. John's, said, among other things:

"The summer of 1907 is likely to witness a determined assertion of American treaty rights, that cannot be other than injurious to every fisherman on the northern and eastern coasts. Even now the Americans are beginning to fit out an extensive fleet for the Labrador fishery, and our hardy fishermen of Conception, Trinity, Bonavista, and Notre Dame Bays will, Mr. Howley fears, find themselves seriously interfered with, because the United States fishing interests have been awakened to the full exercise of all that the treaties allow them."

April 11.

CLEAR OF ICE.

Straits of Canso Now Free from Winter Embargo.

A despatch from Port Mulgrave, N. S., states that the straits of Canso are now free from ice and once more open to navigation, after being blocked all winter.

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IS A SUCCESS.

Says Capt. Thomas of the Steam Otter Trawler Spray.

The principal arrival at T wharf, Boston, yesterday was the steam trawler Spray, with 28,000 pounds of mixed fresh fish. Capt. Oliver B. Thomas stated that he was six days on the trip, and that the weather during that time had been extremely boisterous, giving the crew little or no chance to make a set on account of the fearful rough sea which was experienced on Georges nearly the whole time.

As the question has been asked by scores of people regarding the success of the Spray during the last six months of her career, her skipper, Capt. Oliver B. Thomas, has given out the following statement for publication:

"Of course, I was put there to do what I could in making the Spray a success, and I have already achieved what I started out to do. The fact is that I have lost no time either while in port or out at sea. I was careful in selecting an efficient mate in the person of Capt. Michael T. Greene of Roxbury. Besides I have a sober and industrious crew who are always ready and willing when the Spray is about to start for the fishing grounds.

"At the same time a lot of credit is due the owners of the Spray, of whom most are wholesale fish dealers on T wharf and Atlantic avenue. Any suggestion of mine towards improvement on the vessel is carried out, regardless of cost, which helps me out in a great measure towards success in this new enterprise, as the Spray is the only fishing craft of her kind on this side of the Atlantic."

April 11.

Good Stock.

Sch. Seaconnet, Capt. Jameson, one of the market boats, stocked over \$1000 at T wharf, Boston, yesterday, as the result of her four days trip, the crew sharing \$49.

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Sch. Hattie L. Trask, Georges via Boston, 27,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Flirt, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

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Boston.

Sch. Laura Enos, 6000 cod.

Sch. Emily Sears, 6000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Thomas H. Cromwell, 60,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Steamer Spray, 27,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Marion, 3000 cod.

Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4.25 per cwt.; cod, \$4 to \$5.25.

April 12.

Herring Off Here.

Some of the shore boats, which took some pollock off here yesterday, in dressing the fish found some fine large new herring in their stomachs. By this they believe that there are herring off here now.

Quick Trip.

Sch. Margaret, Capt. Samuel Colson, arrived this morning from a Grden bank halibut trip with a nice fare of 25,000 pounds of halibut and 5000 pounds of salt cod. The vessel was gone only three weeks.

Bait at Mattapoisett.

John Nagle & Co. state that beginning Monday, they will be able to bait vessels with alewives at Mattapoisett.

April 12.

SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS.

To Settle All Atlantic Coast Fisheries Troubles.

Permanent Settlement Hoped To Be Reached This Summer.

In Thursday evening's Boston Globe Mr. Maurice A. Low, its Washington correspondent, in the course of a long article on the probable settlement of all claims and differences between this country and Canada and Newfoundland, says:

"Considerable misapprehension appears to exist in connection with the announcement made by the state department regarding the negotiations now going on between this country and Canada. That announcement related to the work of commissioners to delimit the water boundaries between the United States and Canada, which was assumed to mean that other and more important questions, including the Atlantic and Newfoundland fisheries, would also be settled by this commission."

"That, however, is an error. This commission will have nothing to do with the Atlantic fisheries. If an agreement can be reached on that subject, it will form the basis for a separate treaty. Likewise the Newfoundland fisheries will be the subject of a separate negotiation."

"The settlement of the Newfoundland fishery rights is a much more vexing problem than any of the Canadian questions. There is a strong feeling in Newfoundland against extending any further privileges to American fishermen, and the conclusion of the *modus vivendi* last year by the imperial government over the protest of the colonial government has not tended to allay the feeling of resentment."

"It has been informally suggested that the rights of the United States under the treaty of 1818 should be referred to arbitration, but the suggestion has not been favorably received by the administration. For the present the *modus vivendi* is in force, but as it expires this year and before the opening of the next fishing season, either that agreement will have to be renewed or a permanent settlement must be reached to avoid any danger of friction. Mr. Root hopes to be able to bring about that agreement in the coming summer."

April 12.

LUNENBURG FISH NEWS.

First of Spring Fleet Brings in a Good Fare.

The first arrival of the Lunenburg, N. S., spring fishing fleet, was sch. Alexandria, which reached Halifax, N. S., a few days ago, with 53,000 pounds of haddock, 4000 pounds of halibut and 75 quintals of cod. The fare was taken on 4000 pounds of frozen bait. The craft will rebait at Canso and continue the voyage.

The following Lunenburg vessels have sailed to engage in the Grand Bank fishery: Schs. Mary A. Duff, Atalaya, Cardenia, Margaret E. Schwartz, Douglas Adams and Lila D. Young. The American Fisheries Co. has bought sch. Earl V. G., and will add her to their bank fleet.

April 12.

Fine Stock.

Sch. Dictator, Capt. Horace Wilde, stocked \$1700 as the result of her recent haddock trip, the crew sharing \$47 clear. Capt. Wilde has landed all his trips at this port this winter and has made a big season's work.

April 12.

Fine Stock.

Sch. Flirt, Capt. Alfred Green, stocked \$2400 as the result of her recent haddock trip, the crew sharing \$52 clear.

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Sch. Smuggler, Grand Bank, 22,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 7000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Margaret, Green Bank, 25,000 lbs. halibut, 5000 lbs. salt cod.

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Boston.

Sch. Massasoit, 2500 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Diana, 2000 haddock, 2500 cod.
Sch. George H. Lubec, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Mildred V. Nanan, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Haddock, \$4 to \$5 per cwt.; large cod, \$3 to \$4; market cod, \$3 to \$4.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Arkona and S. P. Willard, which were at Canso, N. S., yesterday, each had 90,000 pounds of salt cod.

Sch. Rebecca Bartlett sailed yesterday afternoon for Falmouth, Cape Cod, loaded with barrels and salt, to be used in the packing of alewives by the Gloucester Mackerel Co., which concern bought the fishing rights in several streams over that way this spring.

Sch. Margie Smith, which usually goes seining, will be in the Rips fleet this season under command of Capt. Eldredge Nickerson.

Sch. Grace Otis, Capt. William Newhall, sailed yesterday on a salt Rips trip, being the first of the Rips fleet to sail from here this season.

Capt. James Goodwin is fitting sch. Edward A. Rich for Rips fishing.

Capt. William Forbes is here to fit sch. Mattie D. Brundage of Boston for Rips fishing.

Sch. Miranda is on Parkhurst's railways for painting. Capt. Edward Morris will fit for her down east pollock seining.

Capt. George H. Peeples has sch. Lafayette all fitted for southern mackerel netting and will probably sail tomorrow, being the first of the fleet to get away.

Capt. William Wharton is here to fit sch. Marsala for Rips fishing.

Capt. Colin Nickerson is fitting sch. Etta Mildred for Rips fishing.

Sch. James A. Garfield will fit for Rips fishing under command of Capt. Howard R. Johnson.

Capt. G. Melville McClain has fitted sch. Good Luck for a fresh Rips trip.

Sch. Actor is on Parkhurst's railways for painting. Capt. Henry Wilkie will fit her for south mackerel netting.

Sch. Ralph Russell is fitting for Georges halibutting.

Schs. Squanto, Agnes, Claudia and Preceptor have all been fitted new bowsprits to replace those recently broken by heavy weather and by collisions.

April 13.

RIPPERS NOW FITTING OUT.

Fleet as Large if Not Larger Than Ever Before.

TAKES PLACE OF GEORGESMEN.

List of Craft and Skippers Comprising the Flotilla.

The first of the Rips or "drift" fleet of codfish catchers has started for the fishing ground, sch. Grace Otis getting away from here Wednesday, so the season can be said to be fairly open for the busy crafts which engage in this fishery.

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A large number of men came Sunday and quite a number of skippers put in appearance yesterday and all the week vessels have been fitting out, so that next week will see the departure of the majority of them on their first trip of the season.

The fleet, this year, will be as large if not larger than ever before, and it is safe to say that fully 45 crafts will be found following this remunerative branch of the fisheries this season.

The term "Rips" is taken from the fact that when the vessels first took up this mode of fishing, that is drifting over the ground, instead of anchoring, as to the regular Georgesmen, they fished on the fishing ground known as the Rips, a part of Nantucket Shoals.

Gradually they began to shift over to Georges, until now the great majority of the fleet now fish on the latter bank. They fish as do the Georges handliners except that they use cockles for bait and fish while under way, instead of at anchor.

The fish brought in by these crafts are of fine quality and generally find a ready market. Of late years part of the vessels of the fleet, instead of salting their fares, have been running their fish fresh to T. wharf and taking the chances of striking a fancy price once in a while.

This year most of the fleet will go salt, on the start at least. The men who man these crafts of the Rips fleet are most expert with the hook and line and heavy lead and as what they make depends on their own individual exertions, for they "heave separate," some big season's works are made not only by some of the vessels, but by many of the individual fishermen.

This fleet has come gradually to take the place of the old time Georges handline fleet. At present there are only 10 of the latter in the business, but with the 45 Rippers, it makes up a fleet of 55 sail, and there may be more later, all in the handline codfishery on Georges.

While the name, Rippers or drifters, will probably always stick, the vessels have come to be considered as part of the Georges handline fleet, the only difference being that they do not follow up the fishery in the winter as do the straight Georges handliners.

While some concerns have not yet fully decided just how many and what craft they will send, enough have expressed their intention of going, so that the size of the fleet and personnel of the skippers can be quite accurately determined. Below we print a list of 42 of the fleet, with the men who will command them. A few more may be added later, but the list below gives the fleet as practically stands today:

Sch. Appomattox, Capt. Fred Howard.

Sch. Edward A. Rich, Capt. James H. Goodwin.

Sch. Grace Otis, Capt. William Newhall.

Sch. Jubilee, Capt. Oscar Lyons.

Sch. Mina Swim, Capt. John Swim.

Sch. Mary A. Gleason, Capt. McKenzie.

Sch. Norman Fisher, Capt. John Williams.

Sch. Olympia, Capt. Edward Nickerson.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, Capt. Clifford Hopkins.

Sch. Boyd & Leeds, Capt. Joseph Calcom.

Sch. Dorothy, Capt. C. H. Kimball.

Sch. Gladys and Sabra, Capt. Wm. Rhinart.

Sch. Oliver F. Kilham, Capt. George Hoarn.

Sch. Etta Mildred, Capt. Colin C. Nickerson.

Sch. Galatea, Capt. Thos. Selig.

Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., Capt. William Kendrick.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, Capt. Jerry Goodwin.

Sch. Mattie D. Brundage, Capt. Wm. Forbes.

Sch. Alcina, Capt. Asa McComisky.

Sch. Louisa Polleys, Capt. Stillman Goodwin.

Sch. Gertrude, Capt. Stillman Goodwin, Jr.

Sch. Pauline, Capt. Charles Forbes.

Sch. Margie Smith, Capt. Eldridge Nickerson.

Sch. Patriot, Capt. John Lennox.

Sch. Rebecca, Capt. Edgar Nickerson.

Sch. Agnes V. Gleason, Capt. Adolph Amoro.

Sch. Matchless, Capt. Stillman Hipson.

Sch. Ramona, Capt. Wm. Goodwin.

Sch. Fish Hawk, Capt. Benj. Goodwin.

Sch. Rose Standish, Capt. William Devine.

Sch. Mattie Winship, Capt. Isaiah Roberts.

Sch. Volant, Capt. Allen Dolman.

Sch. Marsala, Capt. William Wharton.

Sch. Sheffeyed, Capt. Alex. Surrence.

Sch. Thalia, Capt. William Chetwynde.

Sch. Quonnapowitt.

Sch. Good Luck, Capt. G. Melville McClain.

Sch. James A. Garfield, Capt. Howard Johnson.

Sch. David Sherman.